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GOVERNOR'S TOURISM CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT ON MAY 14

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – The Marianas Tourism Education Council (MTEC) will be the beneficiary of the 1st Annual Governor's Tourism Cup Golf Tournament hosted on May 14, 2016, by the Office of the Governor and the Marianas Visitor Authority (MVA). The tournament will be held at the scenic Lao Lao Bay Golf & Resort – East Course with a shot-gun tee time set at 7:30 a.m.

“With our tourism industry showing positive numbers, we should continue to reinforce and support activities towards this positive trend. One such activity is through the hard work and initiatives by MTEC in its mission of developing tourism related programs for our youth. I invite the private sector through our businesses, large and small, to join in on the 1st Annual Governor's Tourism Cup Golf Tournament,” said Governor Ralph Deleon Guerrero Torres.

"We applaud the efforts of our friends in the tourism industry as we partner to support the MTEC's mission to educate our youth on the importance of tourism," said MVA Managing Director Christopher A. Concepcion. "We encourage the entire community to participate in this worthwhile event coming up on May 14."

The tournament entry fee is \$100.00 and includes cart and green fees, morning snacks, free flowing on-course refreshments and awards banquet.

“The initial responses received from the private sector have been great, with more support from many of our island businesses on the way,” said Tournament Director James Nelson. “To date, the Bank of Guam, Bridge Capital, Pacific Islands Club, Alter City and Saipan Shipping have all stepped forward with financial contributions. More sponsors and donors are expected over the coming days to make this inaugural tournament a huge success.”

Hole-in-one prizes to date include a \$5,000 from Pacifica Insurance. Additional sponsors include Pacific Trading Co., MARPAC, Herman’s Bakery, First Hawaiian Bank, Marianas Variety, Sorensen Media Group (Power 99), and Delta Air Lines, which has donated a roundtrip airline ticket to Japan.

“We continue to do all we can to support MTEC, a non-profit organization that has direct impact on tourism education initiatives and our student community,” said MTEC Chairwoman Vicky Benavente.

Participants can look forward to the morning snack station and hot dog stands out on the course during the course of the tournament.

Entry forms are available under the MVA Events Calendar at www.mymarianas.com or at the MVA office on Beach Rd. in San Jose, where forms may be submitted and payments may be made. Checks should be made payable to “Marianas Tourism Education Council.” Credit card payments will not be accepted. The deadline for entries is 5 p.m. on May 11, 2016.

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